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Attached please find comments on the proposed Yucca Mountain Project.
Thank you.



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Re: Yucca Mountain Repository

To Whom It May Concern:

- 1 Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository Project. [There have been many arguments against the success of such a project. These arguments include water contamination, waste transportation and viable storage as well as how to mark the site so that people living near it hundreds of years from now will understand what it is.]
- 2 [Yucca Mountain is also a sacred site of the Western Shoshone people. According to the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley, it is situated on Shoshone land. The Western Shoshone have opposed this project and to continue is a violation of the Treaty.] [The site is also costing US taxpayers millions of dollars and there, as yet, have been no guarantees of success.]
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cont 3 [The site is seismically active and, according to the DOE's own analysis, contaminated water beneath the site could reach local wells in 200 to 400 years. This may not impact the people near the site now, but as stewards of our planet, we must consider the health and safety of generations to come. This is also simply an analysis; anything can happen in a seismically active area.]
- 4 [TADs do not appear to be safe in any manner. Shipping by rail is not an option at this point and there appear to be no provisions for creating a direct rail line to Yucca Mountain. TADs are to be filled at reactor sites and transported by rail or truck to the repository where the contents will be aged and buried inside the site, as I understand it. Who will monitor the waste once it has been buried? How will transportation of such highly radioactive substances be monitored for safety, including the safety of the communities along the transport route? Will there be Federal or State security alongside transport to ensure safety? Who will pay for that? Has the DOE contracted with State and municipal authorities as well as HAZMAT teams to deal with security and potential accidents? The DEIS does not address these concerns nor does it address the risk of terrorist attacks.]

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cont [Again, the surrounding Shoshone Nations do not support this project.
Nevadans do not support this project.] It has essentially been a boondoggle from
the beginning. Therefore, I recommend the following:

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cont [• Stop funding the Yucca Mountain Project.
• Create and support legislation that offers HOSS as an alternative to Yucca
Mountain.]
- 5 [• The EPA's radiation protection standard must be re-written to include all
stakeholders for the duration of the peak dose period - roughly 250,000
years.]
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cont [• The United States Government must honor the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley
and follow the United Nations Committee to Eliminate Racial
Discrimination's direction to "cease and desist" all actions against the
Western Shoshone Nation, including the Yucca Mountain Project.]

I urge you to abandon the project. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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